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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following:

- 1. Amendment and Response to Office Action (9 pages);
- 2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (212) 935-3000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 10, 2007 in the above-identified case, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. Applicants believe that no fees are due with the filing of this Response, as this Response is filed on or before the due date of April 10, 2007. However, if any fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number 50-0311, Customer Number: 35437, Reference Number: 21465-510 UTIL.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.